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Claim 19. An antigenic conjugate comprising a carrier protein covalently bonded (bound or conjugated) to the conserved portion of the lipopolysaccharide (LPS or LOS or endotoxin) of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (gonococc?), wherein the conserved portion of the LPS comprises GlcNAc-Hep2-phosphoethanolamine (PEA)-KDO2-Lipid A, wherein the conjugate elicits a cross protective immune response against heterologous strains of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*.

Claim 20. The antigenic conjugate of claim 19, wherein the LPS is de-o-acylated.

Claim 21. The antigenic conjugate of claim 19, wherein the carrier protein is selected from the group consisting of tetanus toxin, tetanus toxoid, Group A streptococcal toxins, pneumolysin of *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, filamentous haemagglutinin (FHA) of *Bordetella pertussis*, FHA fragments; pili or pilins of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, pili or pilins of *Neisseria meningitidis*, outer membrane proteins of *Neisseria meningitidis*, outer membrane proteins of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*; C5A peptidase of *Streptococcus* and surface protein of *Moraxella catarrhalis*.

Claim 22. The antigenic conjugate of claim 19, wherein the carrier protein is linked to the conserved portion of the LPS with a compound selected from the group consisting of sulfo-LC-SPDP; LC-SPDP; SATA; SATP; SMCC; MBS; ISLABI; SMPB; BANSI; ADH; EDAC; and DTSSP.

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